

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Recognition

WHEREAS, on August 22, 1960, Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS), formerly, Northeast Family Counseling Services (NFCS), was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization, to provide counseling services to the communities of the Northeast Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, between 1965 and 1971, NKHS expanded its services to include mental health and substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, NKHS commenced serving the needs of individuals afflicted with intellectual and developmental disability disorders; and

WHEREAS, NKHS is one of the ten Vermont Designated Agencies, and as such, has the statutory responsibility to meet all of the mental health and developmental needs of the designated region within the Northeast Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, the mission of NKHS is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support; and

WHEREAS, NKHS is the third largest employer in the Northeast Kingdom, employs over five-hundred staff, and serves over four-thousand children, adults, and families that reside in forty-eight towns in Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties; and

WHEREAS, NKHS believes that there is no health without mental health and continues educating the community and legislators about the deleterious effects of mental health illness and substance use, as well as the value of therapeutic evidence-based practice interventions, treatments, and recovery supports; and

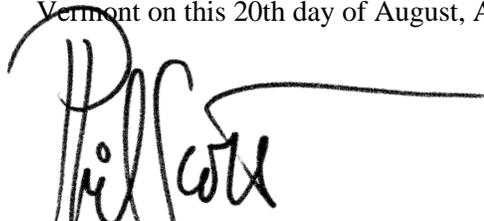
WHEREAS, NKHS believes in and leads efforts to destigmatize mental illness, substance use, and suicide ideation through community outreach, education, and suicide prevention efforts, such as Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby recognize and congratulate

NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES

on their 60th anniversary.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 20th day of August, A.D. 2020.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs